



Docket No. 1232-4676

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kazuhito OHASHI

Serial No.: 09/772,664

Filed: January 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2622

Confirmation No.: 2213

Examiner: To be assigned

For: DISCREPANCY CORRECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CORRECTING DIFFERENCE IN LEVELS OF IMAGE SIGNALS OBTAINED BY  
AN IMAGE SENSOR HAVING A MULTIPLE OUTPUT CHANNELS

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box DD  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached:

1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form PTO-1449 and 6 references
3. Return Receipt Postcard

along with any paper(s) referred to as being attached or enclosed and this Certificate of Mailing are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

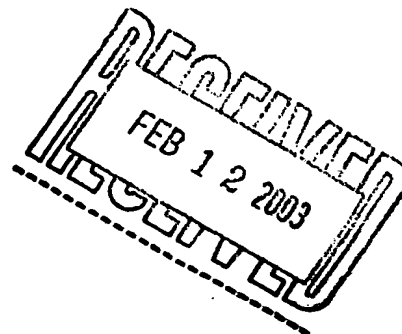
Respectfully submitted,  
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

Dated: February 3, 2003

By: Helen Tiger

**Correspondence Address:**

MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10154-0053  
(212) 758-4800 Telephone  
(212) 751-6849 Facsimile





27123

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 1232-4676

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kazuhito OHASHI

Serial No.: 09/772,664

Filed: January 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2622

Confirmation No.: 2213

Examiner: To be assigned

RECEIVED  
FEB 10 2003  
Technology Center 2600

For: DISCREPANCY CORRECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CORRECTING  
DIFFERENCE IN LEVELS OF IMAGE SIGNALS OBTAINED BY AN IMAGE SENSOR  
HAVING A MULTIPLE OUTPUT CHANNELS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

1. ☒ For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, an English language translation of that item or a portion thereof or a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is enclosed:

English language abstracts are provided for: JP 2-148972, JP 3-44267,  
JP 4-225681, JP 5-191575, JP 10-233921, JP 11-261760.

2. ☐ For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is incorporated in the specification of the above-identified application.

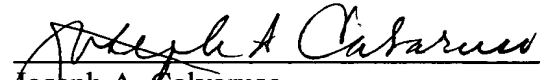
3. ☐ Any copy of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

4. ☒ No fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a CPA; or
  - ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(2), within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application; or
  - ☒ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits; or
  - ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4), before the mailing date of a first office action after the filing of an RCE under §1.114.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500., Order No. 1232-4676. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

Dated: February 3, 2003

By:

  
Joseph A. Calvaruso  
Registration No. 28,287

Correspondence Address:

MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10154-0053  
(212) 758-4800 Telephone  
(212) 751-6849 Facsimile



RECEIVED  
FEB 10 2003  
Technology Center 2800  
Page 1 of 1

<b>FORM PTO-1449</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION</b>	Attorney Docket: 1232-4676	Serial No.: 09/772,664
	Applicant: Kazuhito OHASHI	
	Filing Date: January 30, 2001	Group Art Unit: 2622

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Patent Number	Publication Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Patent Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation
	1	2-148972	06/07/1990	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	2	3-44267	02/26/1991	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	3	4-225681	08/14/1992	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	4	5-191575	07/30/1993	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	5	10-233921	09/02/1998	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	6	11-261760	09/24/1999	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, etc.)		

Examiner	Date Considered
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.	